

**SNPLMA Executive Committee
Summary of Decisions and Actions
August 6, 2014**

The Executive Committee (EC) held the subject meeting to primarily focus on addressing final guidance and direction for the upcoming Round 15 of the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA). Topics associated with Round 15 included general and category-specific nomination guidance, category-specific ranking criteria, Projects of Concern (POC) threshold guidance, and submission of interagency project nominations. Other topics addressed at the meeting included changes to the SNPLMA Implementation Agreement (IA) and the Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 – FY2019 Strategic Plan.

The Round 15 nomination package requirements including the guidelines and ranking criteria will be available on the SNPLMA website by September 8, 2014, the opening date for the Round 15 call for nominations.

Decisions

- *Round 15 Threshold for Eligibility*
 - The EC agreed to accept six Round 15 POC threshold recommendations as depicted below.
 - Partners who exceed one red or orange project can be eligible for funding if their percentage of orange and red projects on the Focus list is at or less than 10%.
 - Projects with a CM (completed but not closed) will be counted on the Focus list when determining project percentages. Projects that are completed, but not closed are still considered by the EC to be open projects.
 - Projects with a CL (closed) status will be removed from the POC and Focus list.
 - Exempt projects are not included in the numerator, but are included in the denominator (total number of open projects) to arrive at a percentage for each partner by category.
 - Projects on the Focus list that experienced a natural disaster (fire, flood, etc.) after May 31, 2013, that impacted the project timeline will remain on the Focus list, but will not be counted when determining funding eligibility.
 - All Round 6 and earlier projects, including those granted a time extension beyond 2014, should be reflected on the Focus list. All Round 6 and earlier projects will be coded orange (or red if applicable) to incentivize closings and ensure continued heightened attention from partners until the projects are closed.
- *Round 15 Nomination Guidance*
 - The EC accepted the proposed changes to the general and category-specific nomination guidance for Round 15 as presented. Proposed changes included:
 - Limits nominations to three per category per entity with each of the three legislative fuels areas eligible to submit three nominations.

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- Identifying the Draft Strategic Plan as the guiding document.
- Requiring every nomination to describe how the proposed project supports the values in the Draft Strategic Plan.
- Increased mapping requirements.
- Requirement to submit the “best value” option.
- The EC accepted the proposed changes to the category-specific project ranking criteria for Round 15 as presented. The proposed changes in ranking criteria were developed by the category sub-groups to ensure alignment of project ranking criteria with the Draft Strategic Plan values.
- For the purpose of interagency projects for which entities are not otherwise eligible for funding, no more than three (3) interagency projects per category for which any participating agency does not otherwise qualify to receive funding will be included in the Round 15 final recommendation for funding to the Secretary of the Interior.
- *SNPLMA Implementation Agreement Changes*
 - The EC approved the recommendation to revise the language in the IA addressing eligibility for ENLRP funding to include all agencies within the Departments of the Interior and Agriculture. For Round 15, the EC encourages currently eligible federal agencies to submit interagency project nominations that include currently ineligible federal agencies within the Departments of the Interior and Agriculture.
- *FY2015 – FY2019 SNPLMA Strategic Plan*
 - The EC agreed to accept the FY2015 – 2019 SNPLMA Strategic Plan as presented with two changes highlighted below:
 - Reword the 7th bullet under SNPLMA Program Administration on page 18 to be broader in term of options for disposing of smaller parcels and removing reference to a legislative option.
 - Replace the photograph for Capital Improvements under Category-Specific Strategic Guidance on page 13.

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Action Items:

- The Nevada State Office Special Legislation staff will develop an “introduction” letter from the EC using the format of “introduction” letter from the SNPLMA Annual Report. The EC “introduction” letter will be incorporated into the FY2015 – FY2019 SNPLMA Strategic Plan.
- The SNPLMA Division will revise the Decision Memorandum addressing revision of the “conditional” time extension language in the IA based on the suggestions discussed during the meeting.
- The Division will incorporate the POC threshold requirements as part of the Round 15 nomination guidance package.
- The SNPLMA Division will ensure all SNPLMA entities are aware of and understand the Round 15 funding eligibility guidance. Suggestions offered for the outreach and education of the guidance included a conference call with all entities, sending a letter with the next spreadsheet, and/or including the guidance as part of the September 9th “cradle to grave” SNPLMA training.
- The Nevada State Office Special Legislation staff will work with the SNPLMA Division to complete a cross walk comparison of the Eastern Nevada Landscape Restoration Project (ENLRP) ranking criteria with the Fire and Invasive Assessment team action plan to allow the Partners Working Group and EC to understand how the two documents align.

Direction Provided

The EC was supportive of changing the ENLRP sub-group composition by changing the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s representative as recommended by the Division and to allow the Nevada Department of Wildlife to select their representative as appropriate.